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Applicant:

Nicolas VOUTE et al.

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SMALL DENSE MICROPOROUS SOLID SUPPORT MATERIALS,

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THEIR PREPARATION, AND USE FOR PURIFICATION OF

LARGE MACROMOLECULES AND BIOPARTICLES

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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2000, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 13, line 4, delete "nucleic" and insert --polynucleic--.